3. Lack of dependable information on the number of AIDS victims, and
4. Uncertain claims, potential spread of the disease.

AIDS-II Project in Himachal Pradesh

† 3082. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had sanctioned Rs. 395.58 lakhs for implementing AIDS-II project in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Himachal Pradesh has already implemented the project but arrears of Rs. 291.58 lakhs have not been paid to the State by Government and the State Government had also written a letter on 10th December, 1999 for payment of this amount;

(c) if so, the reasons for non-payment of balance amount to the State Government; and

(d) by when it would be paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir. The amount of Rs. 395.58 lakhs was sanctioned to Himachal Pradesh for implementation of AIDS-II Project during 1999-2000.

(b) to (d) The State Government had written a letter on 10.12.1999 seeking release of the balance amount. Based on availability of budgetary provisions, a sum of Rs. 318 lakhs was released to Himachal Pradesh during 1999-2000 as under:—

April, 1999	Rs. 60.00 lakhs
September, 1999	Rs. 28.00 lakhs
January, 2000	Rs. 150.00 lakhs
March, 2000	Rs. 80.00 lakhs

Apart from the above, a sum of Rs. 227.50 lakhs has been sanctioned for the year 2000-01 out of which Rs. 227.00 lakhs has been released to Himachal Pradesh during the year.

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